

SCHOOLS TO WATCH-TAKING CENTER STAGE

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HALL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Designated 2019

Larkspur-Corte Madera School District
Marin County
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SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

Community: suburban. Enrollment 520. Grade levels: 6,7,8. School schedule: seven-period day rotating schedule allowing for two electives. Sixth grade language arts/social studies core. One period of advisory per week.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Free/reduced lunch: 12%. English learners: 8%

REPLICABLE PRACTICES

- To provide consistent feedback on life skills, Hall has developed a school-wide habits of learning continuum that is aligned with student learning outcomes and provides clear definitions of skills that are critical in every class, every co-curricular activity, and in life.
- Hall has an extensive student leadership program where student teams coordinate lunchtime activities, organize club fairs, plan school assemblies, deliver anti-bullying curriculum to peers and to elementary feeder schools, coordinate drives for disaster relief, and create videos that celebrate school culture.
- Teams at Hall have developed curriculum maps, established essential standards and developed project-based units of study with the support of a project-based learning TOSA.
- Students needing additional support can access interventions including math support, EL support, before/after-school tutoring, push in support from special education staff and advisory once each week.
- Science teachers are utilizing video to record student conversations to assess their growth in conducting academic conversations with target vocabulary and sentence frames.
- Hall's counselor supports students and families through the WEB program; Teens in Transition social-emotional learning program; the highly regarded solution team approach to conflict resolution; group and individual counseling sessions; and morning and evening parent education events.
- Focused on the value of service learning, Hall students perform 1,900 hours of service yearly. The last six weeks of 8th grade in ELA and social studies are dedicated to creating individual or paired social justice projects where students identify an issue and find a way to improve the lives of people affected by said issue.